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# Red Cell

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# Purpose



- Describe the purpose & composition of the Red Cell
- Describe the decision support tools developed by the Red Cell
- Describe the actions of the Red Cell during MCPP



### References





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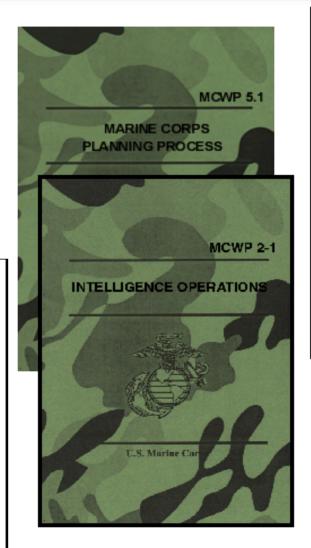
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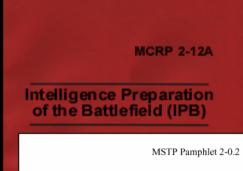
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The Red Cell



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# Purpose of the Red Cell



- Provides the OPT with additional operational analysis of the enemy's capabilities, simulating / employing enemy doctrine throughout planning
- Tailors itself to the needs of the OPT
- Employs threat doctrine and equipment; does not mirror image the MAGTF



# Focus on the Enemy



"However absorbed a commander may be in the elaboration of his own thoughts... it is sometimes necessary to take the enemy into consideration."

Sir Winston Churchill

"Since war is a clash between opposing wills, all decision making must first take our enemies into account, recognizing that while we are trying to impose our will on them, they are trying to do the same to us."

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### Who is the "Enemy", Military Cultural Model

- Understand the cultural environment (us, them, environment)
- Identify key groups and individuals
- Model key groups and individuals
  - Identify their goals and objectives and how they can impact your endstate (both negatively & positively)
  - Determine Military Cultural Factors
  - Determine their preferred options (non-lethal / lethal)
  - Determine High Value MCFs
    - What they need to be successful in order to reach their goals and objectives



# "Stakeholders" vice "Enemy"

- Civil authority (Local, provincial, national)
- Religious authority (Imams, ayatollahs, Medicine Men)
- Traditional Power Brokers (Tribal heads, etc)
- Non-Governmental Organizations / PVO's
- Media (Local, National, International)



### Red Cell Tenets



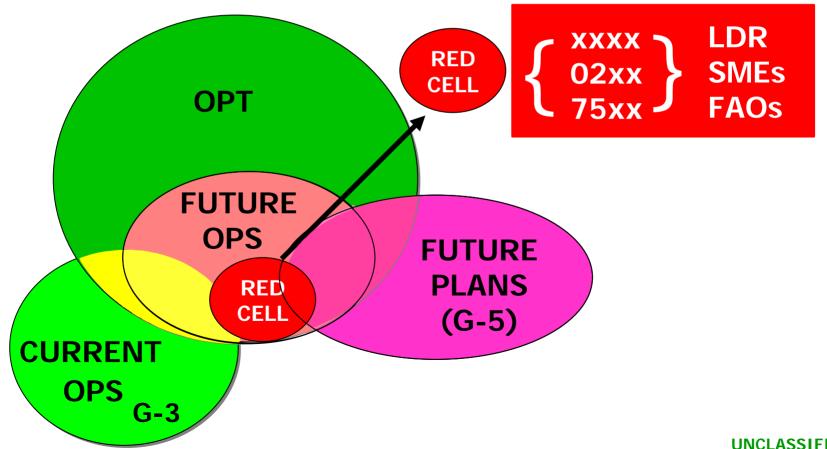
- The CG should choose the best qualified individual as the Red Cell OIC
  - Red Cell often works best under the cognizance of the G-2
- Red Cell membership <u>must remain constant</u> throughout the planning process
- The Red Cell coordinates with the G-2 to share intelligence
  - Increase the OPT's (and the G-2's...) situational awareness
- The Red Cell must not significantly alter the ML / MD COAs without Commander / G-2 concurrence



### Red Cell Composition



- The G-2 Rep to the OPT is not the Red Cell at the MEF level
- Red Cell should reflect enemy capabilities
- Ideally, Red Cell Leader should reflect the enemy COG





# Red Cell Composition



#### Red Cell

Red Cell OIC: Col Osama Jammal

**Billet:** 

Maneuver/Plans: Maj Tye Wallace

Intelligence: 1stLt Jason Tarn

Mob/CM/Surv: Maj Ron Heflin

IO/Effects: Jim Roussell

CA/Logistics: TBD

C2PC Oper: PFC Dutra

Red/Green Cell Advisor: Dr. Carter Malkasian

**Insurgent group specialty:** 

**Loose Coordination** 

Sunni Arab Nationalists + FRE

AQIZ + FF + Shia

Criminals

Iraqi citizens perspective



# Red Cell Support Requirements

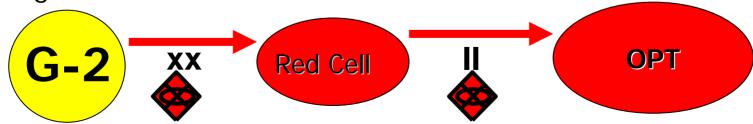
- Close to the OPT, G-2, and Intel analysts
- Must be able to store classified material in work space to include IPB products such as the MCOO, maps, matrices, etc.
- Sufficient workspace to accommodate Red Cell Staff
- Adequate resources to plan (C2PC, SIPRNET, etc)



# Red Cell Relationship with G2



- Production and Analysis Co (Intel Bn) AND G-2 Analysts:
  - METOC / COGs / CVs / PIRs
  - IPB: MCOO with Situation & Event templates
  - COAs: Most Likely / Most Dangerous
- COLLECTION MANAGEMENT:
  - NAI linkage with Red maneuver
  - R & S planning
- Subject matter experts
- Target Intel: HVTs & HPTs





# Red Cell Helps the G-2 By



- Developing threat sync matrix
- Proposing threat (red) reaction to friendly (blue) action during war game
- Refining NAIs; during war game propose TAIs and threat DPs
- Refining situation templates
- Confirm HVTs, assist identification of HPTs



### **Initial Actions**



#### Take the "what"...

Most Danderous COA

#### Inputs:

ML COA

MD COA

MCOO

IPB Products

HVT List

#### **Confirms**:

- Key terrain
- Avenues of approach
- High value targets
- Critical vulnerabilities
- Doctrine and tactics
- Capabilities

...Deliver the "how"



### Deliver the "How"



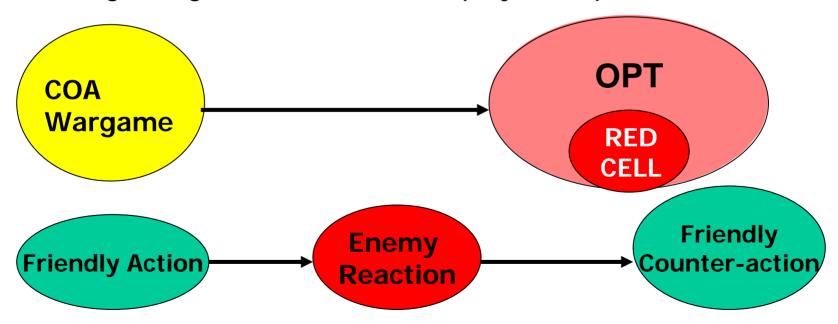
- Examine and refine threat COAs from the perspective of the six warfighting functions represented in the threat force
- Must also look at threat specifics such as: C2, NBC, training, education, morale, etc
- Red Cell focuses on enemy <u>CAPABILITIES</u>
- Using THREAT DOCTRINE and enemy equipment, and the MCOO, the Red Cell ensures time and distance factors are realistic and accurate



# Red Cell Support to OPT



- Pre-war game: OPT leader ensures the Red Cell receives updates to staff planning timelines, commander's war game guidance / criteria, and new developments in situation. Intel reps in OPT and Red Cell must communicate to ensure G-2 is in sync with the Red Cell
- <u>During war game</u>: Red Cell is employed as part of the OPT

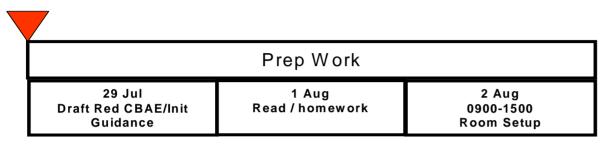


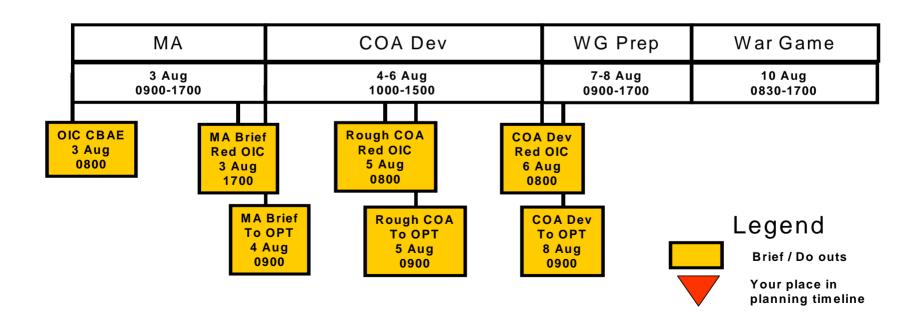


### The Red Cell in the MCPP



#### Overview Red Planning Group Timeline





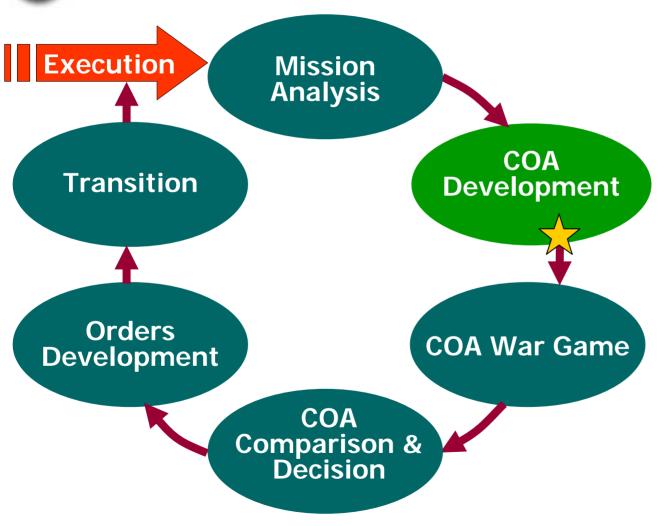
# Red Cell in Mission Analysis





- Red Cell formed / organized
- Coordinate with the G-2
- Gain and develop situational awareness
- Analyzes enemy doctrine
- Verifies enemy COGs and CVs for each COA
- Collects and analyzes information on the enemy

# Red Cell in COA Development



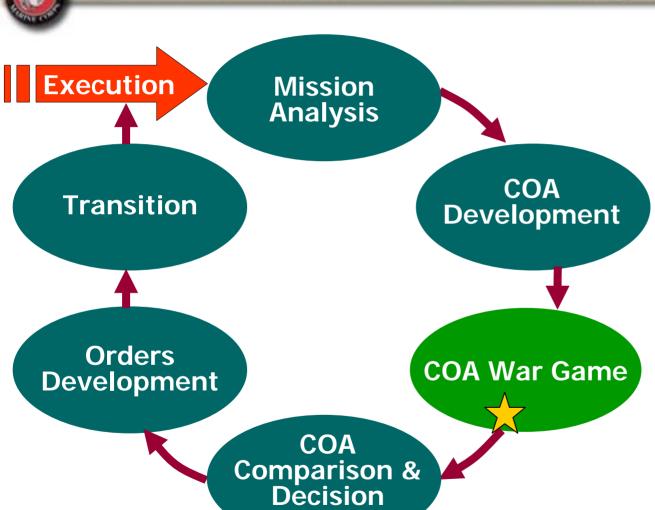
- Detailed Enemy COA Development
- Analyze enemy Capabilities
- Predictive Analysis
- Conduct mini-OPT against OPTdeveloped friendly COAs
- Draft Decision
   Support Matrix and
   Decision Support
   Template are
   produced
- Prepare to wargame with ML / MD COAs

# Enemy / Red Cell Synch Matrix

TIME / EVENT		PRE H-HOUR	H-HOUR
Enemy Action		Counter-Recon sec area	Execute registered fires; armor moves to assembly areas
DECISION PT.			Enemy DP 1 - Advance of 1st AD
MANEUVER	DEEP		Counter attack 1st AD attack - enveloping force
	CLOSE		523rd attacks - direct press for
	RESERVE	522nd - 1 Bn - Res	
	REAR		
	MOBILITY		Restrict US use of roads
	C-MOBILITY		Counter Eng assets of 1st AD - east flank
INTELLIGENCE		Confirm 1 <sup>ST</sup> echelon disposition	Counter Recon in zone
	NAI	I & W; NAI 29, 11, 4c,	NAI 1 - 205 th react to 1st AD movement
FIRES	LETHAL		Destroy 1st AD / neutralize other US forces
	NON-LETHAL		
LOGISTICS	SUSTAINMENT		CS assets to assist 524 <sup>th</sup>
	DISTRIBUTION	Disable Port / US force	s Establish Refueling areas
COMMAND & CONTROL		Destroy US Command and Control	Boundary shift executed
	IW / C2W	ES and EP missions; EOB nodal analysis	Attack US C2 nodes
FORCE		_	Counterreconnaissance in zone; Conduct insurgency operations
PROTECTION	NBC / AIR DEF		TMD assets deployed and ready UNCLASSII

### Red Cell in COA War Game





- Describe enemy actions taken prior to commencement of operations
- Presents doctrinebased enemy reactions to friendly actions
- Ensure enemy actions are realistic, operationally sound
- Does not "mirror image" the MAGTF



### Red Cell and War Game



 OPT records strengths and weaknesses of friendly COAs during war game

 OPT records the rationale for why / how threat and friendly decisions were made

- OPT ensures that Red Cell validates Red:
  - -COG(s)
  - Critical vulnerabilities



# Red Cell Helps OPT to...



- Validate and refine:
  - HVTs
  - Threat COG(S)
  - Threat critical vulnerabilities
  - Threat resource requirements
  - Time factors
  - Distance factors
  - Location of NAIs, TAIs & threat DPs

Red Cell Wargame Worksheet								
<u>Group</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Reaction</u>	<u>Counteraction</u>					
Insurgent Cell								
Local Police								
Local Military Det.								
Imam								

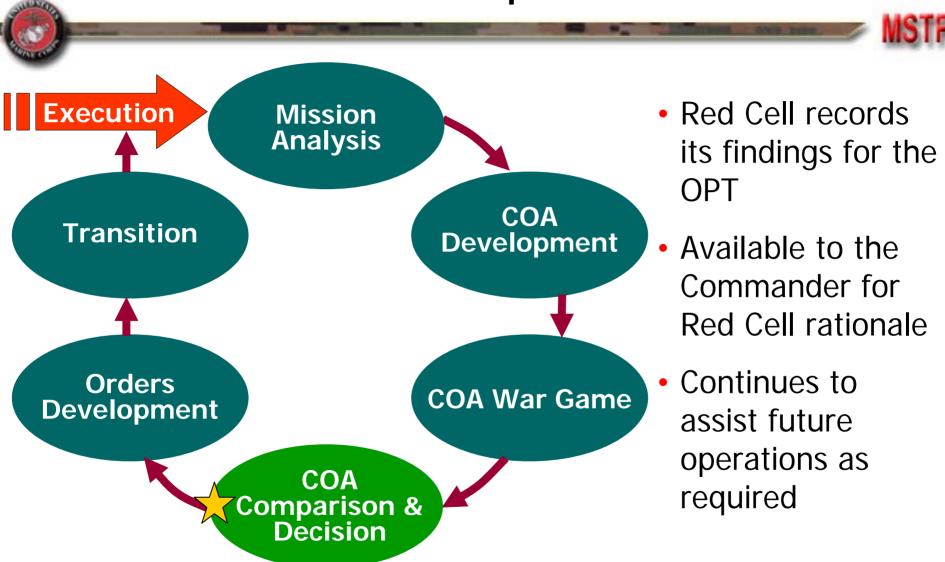
Local Police		
Local Military Det.		
Imam		
Village Elders		
Civilian Populace		
Mayor		

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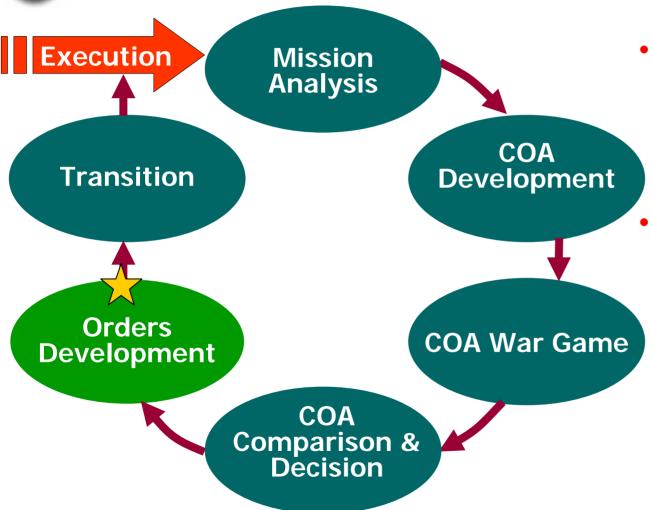
#### One Turn:

	C2	Intel	Fires	Maneuver	Logistics	FP
Local Police						•
Local Military Det						
Imam						
Insurgent Cell						

### Red Cell in COA Comparison & Decision



### Red Cell in Orders Development

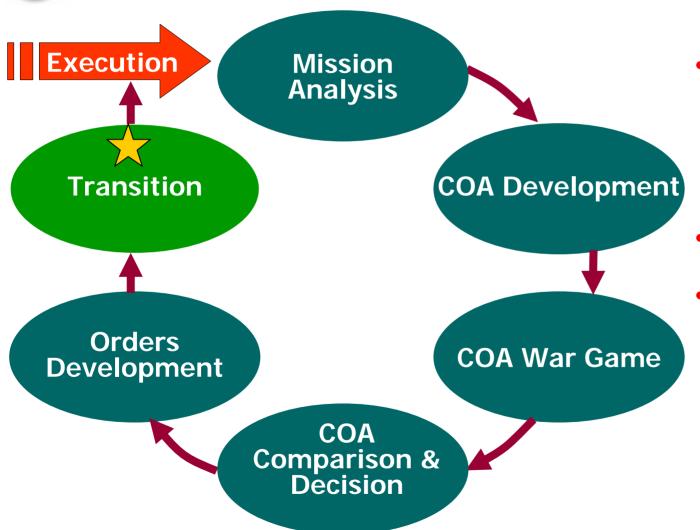


- Discretion of the Commander with regards to status
   of the Red Cell
- All products are transferred to the OPT or the G-2

### Red Cell in Transition







- Red Cell may remain intact to assist the transition
- ROC Drills
- Confirmation Briefs



# Summary



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# Questions





